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In re Application of Williams et al.) Examiner: James M. Hewitt
Serial No.: 10/605,348) Art Unit: 3679
Filed: September 24, 2003) Confirmation No.: 2347
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For: FERRULE HAVING CONVEX INTERIOR WALL PORTION (AMENDED)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows.

It is believed that there is no fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

FERRULE HAVING CONVEX INTERIOR WALL PORTION